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1. DEPT BELIEVES US VIEWS ON NECESSITY OF AVOIDING THE GRANTING OF REGIONAL DESIGNATION TO MIDDLE EAST ARE WELL KNOWN. THEREFORE, BLANCHARD'S INABILITY TO SEE OUR POINT IS NOT ENCOURAGING. WE ARE SIMILARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE THAT ARAB RESOLUTION ON ISRAELI MIGRATION CANNOT BE EXCLUDED FROM WEC CONFERENCE, SINCE THIS IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF POLITICAL ISSUE WHICH WE HAVE ALL ALONG EXPECTED TO TURN WEC INTO POLITICIZED EXERCISE IN FUTILITY RATHER THAN PRAGMATIC EFFORT TO SOLVE EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.

2. WITH REGARD TO COMPOSITION STEERING COMMITTEE, ALTERNATIVE TO BLANCHARD FORMULA MIGHT BE TO CONSIDER FOUR REGIONS: AMERICAS, EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA, WITH ONE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH EXCEPT THE LAST, WHICH WOULD
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HAVE TWO: ONE FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND ONE FROM A

DEVELOPED COUNTRY. THIS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR ASIA CAN BE JUSTIFIED ON BASIS OF VAST SIZE OF AREA CONCERNED AND VAST DIVERGENCY OF COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN IT. THE FOREGOING MAY BE SUGGESTED TO BLANCHARD, BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT FEEL IT IS ROLE OF USG TO COME UP WITH FORMULA FOR STEERING COMMITTEE. RATHER, THIS IS THE KIND OF DECISION FOR WHICH BLANCHARD MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IN FULL KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE WEC WILL BE RUN. KISSINGER

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